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For. **METHOD OF DEAMIDATION OF MILK PROTEIN AND METHOD OF DENATURATION OF MILK PROTEIN**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Date: January 20, 2004

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.